

REMARKS

The above Amendments and these Remarks are made pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.116.

Claims 35-36, 41-42 and 57 are canceled without prejudice.

The Examiner's prompt attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. Should further questions remain, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone.

A Supplemental Declaration pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.175(b)(1) based on this amendment and previous amendments is currently being obtained from the inventors/representatives and will be provided shortly.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 501826 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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